

ly useless for any man, or organization of men to endeavor to stem the tide of progress in this nineteenth century. Woman will continue to advance until she is in possession of her God-given rights, and occupies the place which Christianity grants her. Why fight against the inevitable? Woman has proven herself as capable as men in legislative or executive ability.

The question has often been asked, "What use will women make of their liberty when once in possession of it?" We will not say, except that we have no fears whatever, for to take the most pessimistic view, they certainly *could* not if they *would*, abuse their privileges more than men do. Take the question of suffrage. The secretary of the Historical Society of Kansas, where women have full municipal suffrage, gives this testimony as to how they exercise the elective franchise:

"In Kansas it is no longer a question whether women want to vote. They do want to vote. This is proven by the fact that they have voted. They have voted with an intelligent, zealous, earnest interest for the good of the community in which they have their homes. If the issue involved in the election in any town was one effecting merely the local material interests of the community, they voted with good judgment and for the common welfare. If the question was as to better school management, they voted for the best; if it was for streets, sanitary, or other reforms, they voted prudently for what it would seem the good of all demanded. If it was for a change of an administration notoriously involved in speculations with waterworks or other corporations, they voted to deliver the city from such corrupt entanglement. If political parties, controlled by saloon influences, put up candidates with the odor of whisky on their garments, the women rebuked the party managers and voted for candidates who would better promote the moral welfare of the community. In every instance they voted for home and fireside, for the freeing of the community from those demoralizing influences and temptations from which every good woman would deliver those of her own household."

To this we add the testimony of the chief justice of Wyoming, the place where women have always had equal suffrage with men. His testimony to the 'great utility of the provision giving women equal suffrage with men is conclusive. He says:

"It has been weighed and not found wanting. It has tended to secure good

nominations for the public offices. It has tended to make our women self-reliant and independent. It has made our elections quiet and orderly. It has not marred domestic harmony. It has not resulted in unsexing women. Equal suffrage brings together at the ballot box the enlightened common sense of American manhood and the unselfish moral sentiment of American womanhood."

The *use* women make of their elective franchise is farther illustrated by this note from the *Union Signal*:

"A point well worthy of 'making a note on' in these days when divorce laws are claiming the attention of reformers, is the record of Wyoming, which has had woman suffrage for twenty-five years. From 1870 to 1890 the rate of divorce in the United States at large increased about three times as fast as the population. In the group of Western States, omitting Wyoming, it increased nearly four times as fast as the population. In Wyoming it increased only about half as fast as the population."

It may be well to observe that next to Nebraska, Wyoming has less illiteracy, proportionately, than any other state in the Union.

THE famous Holman Bible has recently been improved by the addition of a new, illustrated Bible Dictionary. This is a very valuable feature and makes these Bibles the best in the market. Full descriptive catalogue with terms to agents sent on application.

Personal Mention.

Brother Rench reports five accessions at Milford, Ind., and the cause prospering.

Brother Summers has recovered from his late illness and is again busy in the Master's field.

Brother W. A. Welty preached very acceptably in the College chapel Sunday evening, April 20.

Brother Hendricks reports two accessions by baptism in the Mt. Zion church, J. M. Bowman, pastor.

Brother Keller reports four accessions in his charge near Falls City, Nebr., three by baptism and one by relation.

The Brethren at New Troy, Michigan will hold their communion services, Friday, May 1, W. D. Furry, pastor.

Brother J. D. McFaden reports two accessions by baptism in the Carleton church, and the cause prospering.

A few weeks ago brother J. C. Mackey installed brother Z. H. Copp, pastor of the Brethren church at Hagerstown, Md.

Brother Calvert writes: "I baptized six during April. The church is in good condition. The Sunday-school averages 100."

Brother I. N. Miller has moved from South Bend, Ind., to Goshen, Ind. Those addressing him will please make note of this.

A card, dated April 17, from brother J. L. Gillin, reports eight applicants ready for baptism. Interest and attendance good.

The meeting at Moxham, Pa., by brother Roger Darling closed with good attendance and five accessions. Four by baptism and one by relation.

Brother S. H. Keiser, in this issue gives the report of a very interesting meeting held at Bryan, Ohio, by Brother Swihart, of Rossville, Ind. Thirteen accessions.

Brother R. R. Teeter reports one accession at his last appointment at Oakville, Ind. The church he says, is awake to its duty. The young converts regular in attendance. Arrangements have been made to paint the church.

Brother S. P. Fogle informs us that brother E. B. Shaver has closed a very successful meeting near New Market, Va. There were twenty-one confessions, three by relation, eleven baptized and seven yet to baptize. Brethren Shaver and Hall begin a meeting in the same neighborhood on Saturday night.

Brother L. S. Bauman, Auburn, Ill., sends the following on a postal card: "Three more—young ladies just at the door of life—came out on the side of God last Sunday night. Praise the Lord. Everything flourishing. We have an excellent Sabbath-school. On May 4, we turn our batteries against the hosts of sin, at Cornell. Pray for us."

BIBLE CONFERENCE.

A Conference for the study of the Bible will be held at Ashland, Ohio, beginning June 10, and continuing for ten days. Ministers, Sunday-school workers, and all church workers will here have an opportunity for careful study at the least expense. No tuition will be charged.

Full program will be announced in a short time. If you are interested, address

J. M. BOWMAN, Glenford, O.
or J. A. MILLER, Ashland, O.

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